

THE LATE REV. G. F. MILLS AS A PASTOR.

Majority Baptist Church

Spartanburg, S. C.—Memory depends largely on the impression made on us by various incidents. The things we forget most easily are the things which do not strike us as being of much interest or importance. On the other hand, those things which appear as great events in our lives at the time, are firmly fixed in our memories, and always remembered. So it is with the late Rev. G. F. Mills who pastored this church twenty years. His pastorate is stamped indelibly in my memory.

When I was asked to take this subject, I hesitated before making a reply. After a short pause I said to the person who asked me to write that "The late Rev. Mills as a Pastor," was so broad that I feared I could not give the subject justice. A few moments later I accepted.

My reason for accepting was this that a person who lived and pastored so nobly as he, needs no eulogy. He spoke for himself by his manner and conduct during his life. He tried to deal fairly and squarely with all mankind, lived a life worthy of emulation.

Please do not understand me to say, however, that he had no faults. Yes, we all have faults, because the Bible tells us none are perfect but the Father. But, I must say—as a pastor, his faults were few.

The late Rev. Mills deserves much commendation as pastor because of the excellent services rendered. He served so diligently; so loyally; so courageously; and so heroically that words are inadequate for me to express just how much praise he deserves. He was possessed with the Holy Spirit in the first place, an ideal gentleman in the second place and a real Christian in the third place. We, as members, feared nothing during his pastorate. Though the enemy pressed on every side, he stood as a sentinel and protected his little flock. He stood like Daniel ready and willing at all times, to battle for the cause of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. He was a genuine upright pastor, and I firmly believe that there are others who, if had a chance would voice the sentiment.

His qualities as a pastor were very stern. It takes a man with stern qualities, as well as vision to steer this old ship to safety. And he was possessed with a wide vision, and that dogged determination to put Satan to flight and let the church roll on. I do believe without a doubt that his success as a pastor was due to the fact that he was really a God-called man to preach my Gospel. He answered to the call tried to the best of his ability to preach the true and living Gospel, thereby causing many souls being born again by the Spirit.

Sympathy plays a great part in the life of an individual. The late Rev. G. F. Mills was sympathetic by nature. Not only was he sympathetic towards his members but was sympathetic with everyone. He always made sacrifices for others (and great sacrifices they were) to help any cause regardless.

He sacrificed much to pay for the peaceful little structure that was first erected on the spot, and at the time of his passing not one penny did we owe on it. If I mistake not, more than \$1,200 was in the bank. It was his sacrifice in part that made it possible for us to worship in this beautiful edifice today.

He commonly used this term that the Majority Baptist Church is the nearest point to heaven, and it seemed that the saying suited. Because every lame person, blind person, unemployed, strangers passing thru the city, missionary or whatnot flocked to the Majority church. It was because of the late pastor's Christian characteristics, willingness to do unto others as he would they do unto him. Truly, he was a good Samaritan, generous and sympathetic. Was not one of those types who that only of self. To prove this, at the time of his passing we were indebted to him several hundred dollars. Yet, he did not murmur. In spite of the amount owed him he took what he could get and that was very little. How many more would have labored under those disadvantages?

Truly, a real soldier has fallen and oh! how we have missed him. I often think of the noble sermons he used to preach; the fatherly advice he gave; the beautiful songs he sang; and the touching prayers; all of which are dear to my memory.

No more will we hear those songs, prayers sermons and fatherly advice, but hope to meet him on the other shore where he now rests.

Sleep, Pastor, sleep, While on this day we honor you,

White Minister Pleads With Whites For Square Deal For Negroes Call White Man and Negro "Brothers"

Washington, Nov.—(By "The Sideliner")—Speaking on the Catholic hour, over a coast-to-coast hook-up of radio stations, over the National Broadcasting System, last Sunday afternoon, Father James J. Gillis, of the National Council of Catholic Men, declared that "the white man and the black man are brothers," and that "the color of the skin makes no difference in the status of people as humans, saying that "as a Jersey cow and a Holstein cow, both are cows, as a white horse and a black horse are both horses, so are both whites and blacks men," saying that both are members of the same race, the human race.

Father Gillis was caustic in his discussion of the many wrongs and injustices which have been heaped upon the Negro, "simply because he is a Negro." Among his statements were such remarks as these: "The white man and the black man are brothers. The Negro is wholly human, as has been proven by the fact that intermarriage between the two races has proven fruitful." One-third of the whole of the United States population declared Father Gillis, has a strain of Negro blood. No matter how much the white man may revolt at the idea, that fact still remains. "Negroes have been consecrated and ordained bishops, that has been done in the United States."

Pleading for a square deal for the Negro, Father Gillis said, "All rights belonging to man must not be denied the Negro. Indignities have been heaped upon him because he is a Negro. In some sections he has been denied the vote, in some sections he is paid lower wages than the white man, for the same work, because he is a Negro. He has been refused admittance to certain trade unions, denied membership in white churches; he cannot attend schools with whites, except in the north, and the schools which are set aside from him are inferior to those made for whites, yet the black man pays his taxes just like the white man."

"Where the Jim-Crow law is in effect, he is taxed for entertainments which he cannot enjoy," said Father Gillis. "One wealthy Negro's home in Chicago has been bombed seven times, yet he is denied redress. He is lynched." Further continuing, Father Gillis declared that "the Negro is considered as an alien, he is ostracized, he is considered an outcast, like a leper. More indignities must be suffered by him incessantly, and if he were to rise in rebellion, he would be shot down like a dog."

"Fellow citizens of the white race," pleaded Father Gillis, "let us consider. We have treated the Negro more unjustly than the Red man. No matter what we have done to atone for our crimes to the Red man, we are doing nothing to atone for our crimes to the Negro. If the curse of God can pass, as the Bible says, to the third and fourth generations, it will be true for the sins against the black man that it is up to us to wash them out. In the name of God let us give him simple justice. We are storing up danger for our descendants."

Father Gillis declared that "the black man is now progressively throwing off his shackles. He has been taunted by his leaders in the north who are coming up north, and he has come north and he is feeling his freedom." Father Gillis emphasized the lack of restraint which the Negro felt in northern sections, relative to schools, churches, etc. He then lauded the capacities of the Negro, saying: "Yes they have abundant talent, which can be used for this Nation, or against it. Some of them have become Bolsheviks." He then quoted from a poem by Claude McKay, with the most resonant call saying that "if we must, go down fighting back." Pray God that he does not rise in rebellion" said Father Gillis. Speaking of McKay's poem Father Gillis declared that if a poem of that nature had been written and read in 1776 "it would have been called 'patriotic.' And then he added: "The black man has suffered more from us than we have suffered from King George. And he concluded by repeating that: "The black man and the

For you are done with toil and fear, Your memory to us is dear, The thought of you brings many a tear, Sleep, Pastor, sleep, Rest, pastor, rest, you faced grim death with courage brave, And manfully your life you gave, Your glory lives beyond the grave.

Sleep, Pastor, sleep, Rest, Pastor, rest, By MRS. E. H. DRAKE.

white man are brothers, so ordained by God."

His address was made at six o'clock, EST, and came from Washington, under the auspices of the National Council of Catholic Men, with headquarters at 1321 Massachusetts avenue, northwest, here.

THE STATE HOME ECONOMICS CONFERENCE

The ninth annual session of the state Home Economics conference convened at State A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C. November 25th & 26th. Despite the economic conditions that the teachers are facing throughout the state of South Carolina, there were forty-one teachers present out of a total number of sixty-six Home Economics teachers in the entire state. The group was wide awake, and intensely interested in devising means to prevent the present economic conditions from retarding to any great extent the H. E. work in the schools of the state.

The conference was divided into 3 sections. The first session was given over to a discussion of "Home Projects." This is one of the newer trends in Home Economics, and may be defined as a means of linking together the home and the school for the purpose of creating correct attitudes, developing initiative, and enriching home and family life. From the interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the group in "Home Projects," and from the progress that some of the teachers have already made in this direction we feel that the H. E. work will not only be felt in the schools of the state, but in the communities as well.

The second session was given over to individual conferences, an exhibition of things made by the teachers and students of the H. E. department of the college, the presentation of the "Traveling Library," and a sweet potato project. The "Traveling Library," was planned to enrich the background of the teacher, to broaden her outlook and her acquaintance with different authors and their work, and to make reference material available. The books for this drive were given by different publishing houses and individuals; a number of books were also contributed as loans by individuals. The presentation of this library was made by President M. E. Whittaker. In his address he defined the two kinds of success, and stressed the need of more efficient teachers in the field. He said, "We need dynamic, not static teachers."

The "sweet potato project" was a very unique affair. It showed the educational, economic, and social side and exhibited the work of the producer and the consumer. Mr. Robert Anderson, a student of the agricultural department, gave the history of the sweet potato, cultivated, and prepared it for market. Miss Willie Cowans, a student in the school of Home Economics, purchased the potato, giving its good and bad qualities, its nutritive value, and its importance in the diet. The members of the two-year senior class prepared the sweet potato in twenty different ways, and served it in buffet style there by giving all present an opportunity to see the dishes, and to sample them as well.

In the third and last session of the conference plans were made for the next conference, and also for the State Teachers Association; an open discussion was conducted arising from questions brought in by the teachers. The entire conference was very good; and one of the most profitable as far as educational values were concerned.

The group was very grateful to President Whittaker for the hospitality extended by him during its visit at the college.

Mattie E. Pegues, JOHNSTON NEWS.

Many hearts in our town were made to feel glad on last Wednesday by the pupils of our school. Both teachers and students contributed many useful articles to our Thanksgiving offering. Over fifteen baskets were given to the old and unfortunate people of our community. The baskets consisted of peas, potatoes, rice, flour, sugar, grits, etc. We received many thanks from the recipients of the same.

Thanksgiving day was spent quietly in our town. A few men and boys followed the usual custom of hunting for game. Services of Thanksgiving nature

OCONEE CO. TRAINING SCHOOL.

Seneca.—The Thanksgiving holidays were spent pleasantly with both students and teachers. The following teachers spent Thanksgiving at the various places: Prof. B. F. Stewart and the Asst. Principal R. L. Finley motored to Columbia and Spaulter where they enjoyed some of the best games of the season. Reports are that the trip was a pleasant one.

Mrs. B. F. Stewart spent Thanksgiving in Asheville visiting her sister and niece. She reports a pleasant stay.

Little B. F. Stewart, Jr., and Edward Stewart spent Thanksgiving at Wellford. Many parties and play hours were given in honor of the two distinguished sons of Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Stewart. Naturally they would be well thought of as their father has rendered such efficient service in that community for the past eight years.

Miss Vivian Branch spent Thanksgiving in Orangeburg as a guest of her Alma Mater State College and where she attended the H. E. Conference. She reports a pleasant stay. Miss Florence Taggart spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Asheville as the guest of her parents.

Miss Theresa Sewell spent Thanksgiving at her home in Greenville.

Miss Ruby E. Kirby spent Thanksgiving at her home in Gaffney, as the guest of her parents. She reports a pleasant stay.

We are all hard at work again, we have one month of hard work before us before we reach the Christmas holidays.

We extend our deepest sympathy to little Thomas Washington in the loss of his mother. Faculty and students.

JAGGER'S OLD FOLKS HOME.

Our Thanksgiving services conducted by our representative was quite a success. Monday's lesson was "Faithful Prayer," Tuesday, Main St. Methodist Church (white) had charge, Wednesday, "How Sin Begins" and the "Slavery of Sin," Thursday, The Eastern Crescent becomes a Scimiter of death and the light of love is denied by hate, (the history of Mission) and Friday "Wide Awake" We thank Miss Mabelle Wise and Mrs. J. Smith for their encouraging remarks.

Thanksgiving morning the dining table was decorated with pumpkins, fruits, nuts and chrysanthemums. At 2 P. M. the inmates accompanied by a few friends, were ushered into the dining room and were served by Miss Smith assisted by Mrs. Kennedy, a two course dinner which consisted of: Turkey and dressing, rice and brown gravy, stewed chicken, macaroni, creamed potatoes, greens, sweet pickles, hot rolls, coffee and pie, 2nd vanilla ice cream and cake, fruits and nuts.

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The flower show held by the P. T. A. and the High school was quite a success. Many attractive bouquets were on exhibition.

Mrs. C. O. McIntosh attended the H. E. Conference at State College last week.

The Eighth Grade English class rendered a play on the use of good English in chapel Friday.

WOMEN OF DIXIE SET GOAL OF LYNCHLESS SOUTH

Seven Thousand Sign Pledge to End Mobs and Pledge Efforts To End Them.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28. "A lynchless south in 1933" was the goal set by the Central Council of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, which has just held its annual meeting here. Twelve southern states were represented at the meeting by 21 women officially prominent in as many important organized women's groups across the South.

Reporting on the results of the Association's two years of work, Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, of Atlanta, executive director of the organization, stated that more than 7,000 women have been enrolled as pledged supporters of the association's program for the eradication of mob violence. Thirteen hundred towns, and 575 counties are represented in this membership, it was stated. The movement has been endorsed also by many powerful women's organizations, religious and civic.

DISTINCT PROGRESS SEEN.

The association was greatly encouraged to learn that so far there had been only six lynchings in the United States this year, and only four of these in the South—the lowest number for any equal period during the fifty years for which the records have been compiled. The total number of recorded victims for that period, it was stated, was 4,780, and for forty years of that time the average was more than 100 a year.

Especially encouraging to the council was the report that "Mississippi where the association has been particularly active, has been free from lynchings for more than a year—a circumstance the more notable from the fact that Mississippi's proportion of Negro population is greater than of any other state and that it has had more recorded lynchings than any other. "If Mississippi can have a lynchless year, a lynchless South is a possible and reasonable goal," said the members of the council, as they laid plans to continue an aggressive campaign during 1933.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN PLANNED.

Furthest efforts will be made during the coming year, it was agreed, to extend the organization into all 146 of the 1,282 counties of the southern states, to secure the indorsement and cooperation of all important bodies of organized women, and to enroll in the movement by personal signature not less than 13,000 women in each state, a thousand in each state. Special efforts will be made, it was stated, to enlist women of influence in the small towns and rural communities—the places where lynchings most frequently occur.

The program of the association includes not only the signed commitment of every member to a vigorous condemnation of lynching and repudiation of the claim that lynching is necessary for the protection of womanhood, but also pledges the members to constant vigilance for the prevention of lynchings and to the earnest effort to build a public opinion that will no longer tolerate them.

The Association was organized two years ago by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation and has been sponsored and promoted by the Commission as an important factor in its anti-lynching program.

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Susie Jagers, Manager

NEWBERRY NEWS.

It has been some time since we have heard from, but thankful all of you are doing nicely owing to conditions.

In the interval many things have happened. One of the main, the Columbia Conference (ours) has gone into history. At this writing we do not know who will be sent to Miller's Chapel but trust that God will direct and lead. In this modern age with its speed and velocity, the zealousness of Paul is needed. God wants strong, pure-hearted, God-fearing men and women to foster His work.

Ministers who will dare to do right dare to be true. Mr. F. E. Harris began teaching at Monday, Nov. 28. We pray that the Minister will guide her as He has guided the past. Rev. Harris will be a home all week-ends.

Miss A. L. Pennington and Thelma Gullum have made one month in their school room.

Thanksgiving depression on each side will fade. So please when all is well remember The Palmetto Leader and its sister Herald our papers.

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